

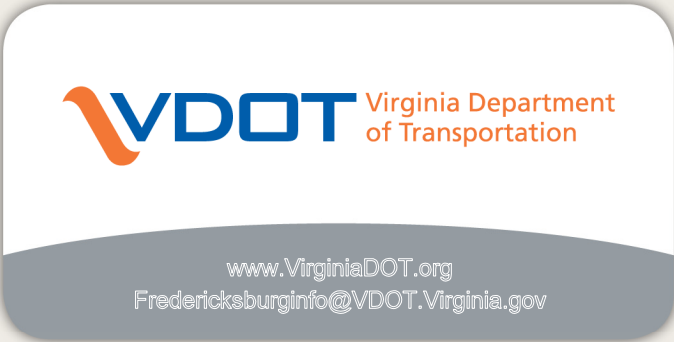
Get Involved

Thirty calendar days after this public hearing (February 05, 2011), the public comment period will close. VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of this hearing. This information, including the hearing summary, will be available for review at VDOT's Fredericksburg District Office located at 87 Deacon Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22405. The information received as a result of this meeting will be presented to VDOT's chief engineer for consideration.

If approval of the major design features is received from VDOT's chief engineer for this project, the project will move forward to the final design phase.

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Public Hearing
Project: 0218-089-114, C501
Falmouth Intersection
Improvements at Route 1, 17, and
218 in Stafford County

Thursday January 6, 2011 – 4:00PM – 7:00PM
VDOT Fredericksburg District Auditorium
86 Deacon Road
Fredericksburg, VA, 22405

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) public hearing on proposed improvements at the Falmouth Intersection in Stafford County.

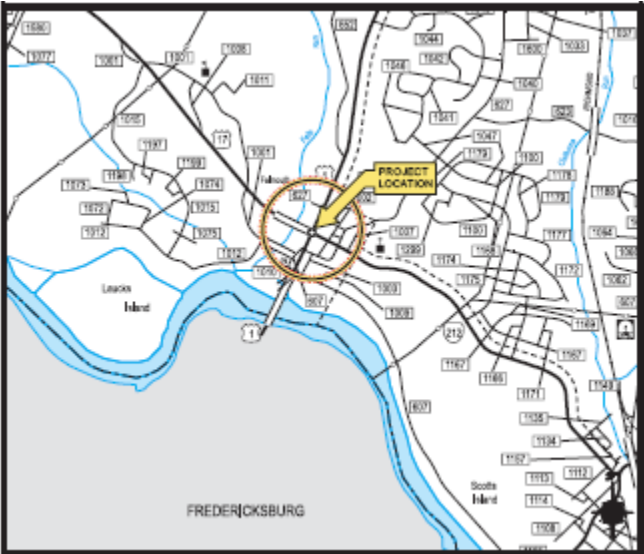
This public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for citizens or organizations to give VDOT comments and/or suggestions on the proposed project. VDOT strives to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in important decisions regarding transportation projects and programs affecting them.

VDOT representatives are present to discuss the project and answer your questions.

A comment sheet is included in the handouts for this meeting and your input is encouraged. All written comments received on this project will be included in a transcript for review by VDOT personnel, citizens and other interested parties.

VDOT staff will address questions and concerns raised as a result of this meeting before the project is presented to VDOT's chief engineer for consideration.

Project Overview



Cost – \$ 25 million
Purpose – To increase capacity for turning movements and through traffic at the Falmouth Intersection (Routes 1, 17 and 218)
Total alignment length (all legs) – 0.427 miles
Improvements – Adding turn lanes and associated drainage improvements

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The primary purpose of this project is to increase the capacity for turning movements and through traffic to negotiate the Route 1, 17, and 218 intersections safely with reduced time delay. The project will integrate into Stafford County’s proposed Falmouth Redevelopment Plan and minimize encroachment on significant historical resources to the extent practicable.

The typical section will consist of 11’ travel lanes with curb and gutter / sidewalk on the Route 1 and Route 218 sections and 11’ lanes with paved shoulder on the Route 17 portion.

This project will be constructed in accordance with the current road and bridge specifications to comply with Federal and State regulations pertaining to public welfare and safety.

The construction will be performed in such a manner that traffic will be maintained with a minimum of inconvenience to the traveling public. After the project is complete, VDOT will maintain the road.

Project Graphic



Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:

\$ 25 million

Engineering of Roadway Plans: **\$ 2.5 million**

Right of Way Acquisition, Relocation Assistance and Utility Relocation: **\$ 13.0 million**

Construction: **\$ 9.5 million**

The cost for the development and construction of this project will be funded 20 percent by the Commonwealth of Virginia and 80 percent with federal funds.

Civil Rights

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact VDOT’s Civil Rights Division at 800-367-7623, TTY/TDD 711.

Right of Way

There will be three (3) residential relocations and six (6) business, farms or non-profit organizations displaced as a result of this project.

As we finalize the development of this project, additional easements for utility relocation may be required beyond the proposed right of way shown on the public hearing plans. The property owners will be informed of the exact location of the easements during the right of way acquisition process and prior to construction.

Information about right of way acquisition is discussed in VDOT’s brochure entitled Right of Way and Utilities: a Guide for Property Owners and Tenants. Copies of this booklet are available from a VDOT Right of Way agent. After this meeting, information regarding the acquisition process may be obtained from the Right of Way contact listed on the back of this brochure.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

Public Hearing and comment period – Winter 2011

Begin Right of Way acquisition – Summer 2011

Construction – Fall 2013

Environmental Review

VDOT’s Fredericksburg District Environmental Office has performed environmental reviews and coordination to obtain information about environmental resources in the project vicinity; to provide natural and historic resource agencies an opportunity to review and comment on the project during its development; and to identify opportunities for avoidance, minimization and mitigation of potential environmental impacts.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is applicable to this project and a draft Environmental Assessment has been developed in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with federal guidelines. The NEPA document includes information from various technical reviews including those related to natural resources, water quality, threatened and endangered species, air quality, noise, etc. In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed project on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is also provided in the environmental documentation.

The project will continue to be coordinated with the appropriate federal, state and local agencies as part of the environmental review and approval processes required throughout project development and construction. All required environmental clearances and permits will be obtained prior to commencement of construction. Strict compliance with all environmental conditions and commitments resulting from regulatory approvals and implementation of VDOT’s specifications and standard best management practices will protect the environment during construction.

The NEPA document and the results of other environmental studies are available at today’s meeting. Representatives from VDOT’s Environmental Section are available to discuss this information and to answer questions.